House Resolution No. 2076

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Ray L. Brock of Forest City, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of his Ninetieth Birthday with a special celebration on April 13, 2003, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church Parish Hall; and

Whereas, on April 11, 1913, in Forest City, God brought a special gift to this great state with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Ray, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Ray Brock had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as being married on January 4, 1945, to Beryl "Midget" Hand Cook (deceased); and

Whereas, God has blessed Ray Brock with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include his children, James and Nancy Cook and Rosalie Tovar of St. Joseph, Suzanne Hardy of Jefferson City, and Eula Mae Browning, who is an angel in heaven; fourteen grandchildren; thirty-two great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, known as a dedicated family man, Ray Brock provided a comfortable home and secure future for his loved ones through his successful endeavors in farming, from which he retired in 1993, and in the trucking business, from which he retired in 2001; and

Whereas, Ray Brock is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Ray Brock at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ray L. Brock, as a measure of our esteem for him.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2076, adopted April 22, 2003.